

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 39-41 and add claim 42. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough text~~. No new matter is added by this amendment.

1. (Previously Presented) A workflow system, comprising:

a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, wherein the form route manager includes:

an in-box adapted to receive email;

a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

compare a step field of the email with the route,

define the next email address based on the compare,

update the email address to the next email address,

update the step field to the next step; and

an out-box adapted to send the email without the route to the next email address.

2. (Previously Presented) A workflow system, comprising:

a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, and for managing a project to role to email address table, wherein the form route manager includes:

an in-box adapted to receive email;

a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

compare a step field of the email with the route,

define the next email address based on the compare,

update the email address to the next email address,

update the step field to the next step; and

an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address.

3. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 2, wherein the email includes a project control field with a value that permits selection of a project in the project to role to email address table.
4. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the email contains a project identifier.
5. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the route is associated with a project.
6. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 2, wherein the email includes a project control field with a value that permits selection of a plurality of email addresses in the project to role to email address table.
7. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 3, further comprising an organization table mapping persons in the organization table to the roles in the project to role to email address table.
8. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 1 or 2, wherein a workflow is initiated when a project is initiated or completed.
- 9.-30. (Canceled)
31. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 1, wherein the form route manager communicates with a project management system and wherein the project management system sends a message at a project segment to the form route manager to initiate workflow on the route.

32. (Currently Amended) A workflow system, comprising:
- a form route manager configured to send and receive email according to a route, the route being ~~an automatically-generated~~ a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, at least one of an identity of each email address from the email addresses or an order of email addresses within the step-by-step sequence of email addresses being automatically-generated, the form route manager configured to communicate with a project management system, the form route manager including:
- an in-box adapted to receive email;
- a first sequencer adapted to as follows:
- compare a step field of the email with the route,
- define the next email address based on the compare,
- update the email address to the next email address,
- update the step field to the next step; and
- an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, wherein the form route manager sends a message to the project management system at a project segment.
33. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the message includes the time the message was sent.
34. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the message contains a segment identifier.
35. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein a workflow route is associated with a project segment.
36. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 32, wherein the project management system calculates the project schedule based on the message.
37. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the message is

an email message.

38. (Previously Presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein a workflow is initiated when a project segment is initiated or completed.

39-41. (Canceled)

42. (New) The workflow system of claim 32, wherein the route defines the project segment.